

Barksdale AFB, La.



**Established:**  
2nd Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy,  
on October 15, 1947  
**Organized:**  
November 5, 1947

- Redesignated:**
- 2nd Bombardment Wing, Medium,  
on July 12, 1948
  - 2nd Bombardment Wing, Heavy,  
on April 1, 1963
  - 2nd Wing,  
on September 1, 1991
  - 2nd Bomb Wing,  
on October 1, 1993



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Wing

**General Characteristics:** **Primary Function:** Heavy Bomber **Contractor:** Boeing Military Airplane Co. **Power Plant:** Eight Pratt & Whitney engines TF33-P-3/103 turbofan **Thrust:** Each engine up to 17,000 pounds **Length:** 159 feet, 4 inches **Height:** 40 feet, 8 inches **Wingspan:** 185 feet **Speed:** 650 mph **Weight:** 185,000 pounds empty **Ceiling:** 50,000 feet **Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 488,000 pounds **Range:** Unrefueled 8,800 miles **Armament:** Approximately 70,000 pounds mixed ordnance — bombs, mines, and missiles. (Modified to carry air-launched cruise missiles, Harpoon anti-ship, and Have Nap missiles.) **Crew:** Five (aircraft commander, pilot, radar navigator, navigator and electronic warfare officer) **Accommodations:** Six ejection seats **Unit Cost:** \$53.4 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars) **Date Deployed:** February 1955 **Inventory:** Active force, 85; ANG, 0; Reserve, 9

Photo of B-52